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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Assistant Secretary of Defense
Research and Development

SUBJECT : National Intelligence Estimate on Soviet Inter-
continental Ballistic Missile Capabilities and
Intent

1. With reference to your memorandum of 26 March 1954 on the above subject, I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 30 March 1954, the Intelligence Advisory Committee agreed to undertake the preparation of a National Intelligence Estimate on the status and probable future course of Soviet guided missile development.

2. I assure you that every effort will be made to cover the points raised in your memorandum. While we have not yet set a firm date for completing the estimate, tentatively, we hope to have it by early fall.

3. Following your suggestion, the Intelligence Advisory Committee further agreed to seek the assistance of a small group of highly qualified scientists familiar with the U.S. guided missile research and development program. In this connection you may quite possibly be able to advise and assist us in securing suitable nominees.

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